

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

Personal and Literary.

—Miss Mary Whiteside Emery now edits the *Peoria (Ill.) Transcript*.

—B. L. Farjeon is to give readings from one of his novels before a New York audience.

—General Hood will publish soon a history of the campaigns in which he took part when at the head of the Confederate Army of the Tennessee.

—Mrs. Augusta J. Evans Wilson, author of "St. Elmo," "Beulah," etc., is in New York visiting Mrs. Vanderbilt. Mrs. Wilson's home is in Mobile.

—It is rumored that Alexander McClure, of the *Philadelphia Times*, is to leave that paper and become chief of the New York *Tribune*, vice Whitelaw Reid, removed.

—George Howell, an English authority, is preparing a book, to be entitled "The Conflict of Capital and Labor," in which the history and the various aspects of trade-unions, technical education, etc., will be treated at length.

—Mr. James S. Key, of Baltimore, a son of Philip Barton Key, who will be remembered in connection with the *Sickles* tragedy, has abandoned the law for the stage, and is to appear in connection with Miss Louisa M. Pomeroy, in the Southern cities.

—There are some things which even a baronet can not do. The *London Times* sent out Sir Henry Havelock, M. P., as its war correspondent, and the excitement of the scene, with his exaggerated sense of his own importance, so thoroughly overcame him that Mr. Delano had to order him home.

—The New York correspondent of the *Cincinnati Gazette* describes Dr. Oliver Wendell Holmes as a "brisk, witty man, who dresses in the most charmingly old-fashioned style, always with a drab waistcoat and a coat that seems too small for him. He looks like a cross between a Yankee and a Scotchman, and has a dried-up appearance, very much like an autumn leaf. But he has a keen eye that laughs when he laughs. And he enjoys laughing and wakes you up with his fun."

—Julia A. Moore, the "Sweet Singer of Michigan," is giving readings in her native State. Dressed precisely as she appears in the picture on her book, with wildly flowing hair and a pasteboard crown, she comes upon the stage and reads in a delicious whine her own productions, "which speak of being killed, died or drowned." At every place she visits the halls are crowded till there is not standing room left, and by the time the "Sweet Singer" has concluded her recitations her audience is in a wild uproar of laughter. A full brass band usually adds to the attractions of the evening, and at the close this band suddenly fetches up with a tremendous snort or toot, the whole scene being indescribably ludicrous.

School and Church.

—"Vice versa" is pronounced "weekly wairsa," according to the rules adopted at our leading schools within the past few years.

—Rev. L. L. Harris, D. D., Rector of St. James Church, Chicago, has been elected Bishop of the new Episcopal diocese of Quincy.

—The Pope has issued a decree condemning the substitution of the Russian language in place of the Polish in the Roman Catholic Churches in Poland. The Russian Government had previously endeavored, without success, to obtain from the Vatican both a sanction for its use and a declaration of its legality.

—A new sect has been organized at Allegheny, Pa., called the Body of Believers. They believe not in the Trinity, but in Jesus, in whose name alone they baptize. They believe that the soul sleeps after death until Christ's second coming, when saints shall be clothed with immortality.

—That distinguished Boston clergyman, Philip Brooks, is a thoroughly natural, artless, and sympathetic speaker. He gives an impression of utter personal unconsciousness. He reads rapidly and rather weakly, as if short of breath and impatient to have done, and

puts himself into quick rapport with his hearers by an almost anxious fashion of looking over and among them at every pause.

—Under the auspices of the State University of Nebraska, a novel essay in education has been inaugurated—a moving camp of students and instructors in botany, entomology, geology, chemistry, mineralogy and paleontology. The perceptors named are Professors Aughey and Bailey of the University, Professors Wilbur, Bruner and others. The school will start from Red Cloud, Nebraska, about the 5th of July, and continue its researches eight weeks. A small tuition fee, in addition to the ordinary expenses, will be charged.

—President Bartlett, of Dartmouth College, has put forth an argument against the mixing of boys and girls in schools. He says he has found that "the fundamental difficulty of governing is positively increased among the older youth by the development of more unyielding pride, false honor, and troublesome gallantry." His graver objection is expressed as follows: "I should, as a parent, seriously object to the opportunities for constant intercourse, direct and indirect, and for awakening and maturing personal sympathies and intimacies, increased rather than diminished by the partial restraints, which create an air of romance and leave an essential unacquaintance."

Science and Industry.

—The manufacture of hats from the fiber of the palmetto is a new Florida industry.

—Five thousand pounds of artificial butter are manufactured daily in Pittsburgh.

—Three farmers of Patoka Township, Pike County, Ind., have manufactured an aggregate of 5,700 gallons of sorghum molasses this season.

—At Chattanooga, Tenn., the Tennessee Steel and Iron Company are working double time to their fullest capacity, with orders for all they can manufacture for some time.

—A sack-sewing machine has been invented at Napa, Cal. It cost \$3,000, and took the maker 10 months to perfect it, but with two men it can turn out 8,000 sacks a day.

—The superintendent of a factory in Canada which manufactures paper from wood says that the process is now so much improved that the paper can be made ready for use in six hours from the cutting of the tree.

—It is said that shingles made of the *Eucalyptus* are fire-proof. A tree of this species exposed to the San Francisco fire of 1876 is still flourishing; and it is suggested that the prevalence of such trees in cities may be a means of checking the spread of fires.

—The Oil City *Derrick* says the recent sitting of the Oil-producers Congress has resulted in checking that reckless spirit of pushing the drill so insanely, and that operators are now quietly shutting down all new developments, as far as they can and retain their leases.

Haps and Mishaps.

—Mrs. Henry Dayton, of Chicopee, Mass., while suffering from neuralgia, inhaled so much chloroform that she never recovered from its effects.

—Charles Rhode and William Foursheeler, aged 10 and 13 respectively, were drowned while skating at Cincinnati.

—An infant child of Michael Slough, of Union Township, St. Joseph County, Ind., was scalded to death by the upsetting of a pail of scalding water.

—Charles Tappan was killed at Burkhardt's brewery in Boston by a stone weighing about a ton falling upon him.

—Louis E. Bower, an Elmira (N. Y.) boy of 7, was choked to death by a piece of apple-peel which lodged in his windpipe.

—James Cunningham's 7-year-old daughter, Minnie, was burned to death at Waterbury, Conn., by the igniting of her clothes at a stove.

—A 2-year-old son of Louis Saleth, of Crow's Point, Ind., was burned to death by his clothes taking fire from the stove, during the temporary absence of his parents.

—David Strong, while felling trees near Columbus City, Ind., was caught between a falling and standing tree and had both legs cut completely off. His injuries were fatal.

—Arthur Huelatt, a student in Miami Medical College, Cincinnati, felt unwell, and went to his medicine-chest for quinine. Instead of quinine, he took a grain and a half of belladonna, and was fatally poisoned.

—Shooting accidents: A man named Stineiger, while out hunting about 12 miles from Eaton, O., was fatally wounded by the discharge of his own gun. —Pauline Streicher, aged 15, was instantly killed at Philadelphia by the discharge of a pistol in the hands of Henry Russell. —Charles Jones was fatally injured by his own gun while hunting near Holland, Mich. —John Abrams, of Otisville, Mich., was seriously wounded by the discharge of his gun while he was leaning upon the muzzle.

—Michigan contributes the following quota to the suicidal list: At Detroit, Ellen, wife of James McCormick, ended her life with morphine on account of long-continued ill health. At Manchester, Henry Sibald, a harness-maker, ended his troubles with a dose of opium. At East Saginaw, N. D. Safford, aged 60, a furniture manufacturer, severed the arteries in both arms and bled to death. At Midland, J. L. Fletcher, an old citizen, cut his throat. At Newyago, James DeBring, a clerk, took a fatal dose of strychnine. —The wife of Capt. B. Minot, of Topsdam, Me., hung herself in a barn. —James F. Campbell, of Boston, shot himself three times in the head with a revolver. —J. R. Abbey, a traveler, killed himself with laudanum at a Pittsburgh hotel, having previously destroyed every thing which might discover his identity. The name under which he registered was probably fictitious. —Dr. H. M. Hirschfeld, a well known chiropodist, of Louisville, Ky., shot himself through the heart. He left a letter saying that he was tired of his misfortunes and intended to kill himself. —Mrs. Harvey Frechorn, a widow in good circumstances, hung herself at her residence. No cause assigned.

Foreign Notes.

—A veteran aged 76 has been fined \$20 and sent to jail for a month for asserting that Marshal MacMahon is addicted to absinthe, and was under its baneful influence when he resolved to make a *coup d'etat*.

—The oldest merchant in Copenhagen, and also, probably, the oldest in Denmark, M. Ronge, died a few days ago, at the patriarchal age of 102 years and 11 months. This is a perfectly authenticated case of centenarianism.

—One of Lydia Thompson's burlesque actresses, Camille Dubois, who journeyed all over America, dancing clog dances and singing nursery rhymes, has had the good fortune to win the affection of the Hon. Wyndham Stanhope, who has wedded her.

—The spread of fever has lately been directly traced to attending wakes, and the medical papers in England are asking the Roman Catholic clergy to use their influence against them. The clergy have long tried to abolish wakes, but hitherto with little success either in Ireland or America.

—Some little excitement has been created in Paris by the publication of "The Legend of Magenta," in which the author aims to prove, by the aid of official documents, that MacMahon is not entitled to the credit which he received for exploits in the Italian campaign.

—"As Wedgwood ware is so much in present request, it may be of interest to ceramic collectors," says the *London World*, "to know that there exists a large *trouvaille* of the finest *plaques*, the locality of which is perfectly ascertained, and yet, even to the most ardent of china hunters, it is inaccessible. In the suburbs of Birmingham is an old mansion known as Heathfield Hall. This was formerly the house of James Watt, the engineer. In one of the upper stories Watt had his workshop, and by his will it was enjoined that the room and its contents should not be disturbed. So the room remains to this day as Watt left it; and in it are various cabinets and drawers filled, not only with the finest examples of Wedgwood's *plaques*, but with priceless designs and molds, many of which are by Flaxman, who was one of Wedgwood's friends, and helped essentially in the models from which Wedgwood worked. From a merely mercantile point of view, the value of these finished and unfinished works must be immense.

Mars' Moons.

When the telegraph announced the discovery by Prof. Hall that our neighboring planet had two satellites, and the dispatch was read next morning at ten thousand American breakfast tables, what think you was the effect upon the hearers? Some colloquy similar to the following was sure to occur: "Mars has two moons, hey? Pass me the milk, Kitty. Strange, isn't it, that astronomers never saw them before. Another chop, please. I wonder what they'll discover next! These corn cakes are excellent. What's the latest from Europe?" We have become so accustomed to startling discoveries and announcements, that we take them as a matter of course. Even truth must appear in flaming colors to make herself seen. The virtues of Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery and Pleasant Purgative Pellets have been tested in ten thousand households, whose inmates will tell you that they consider the discovery and introduction of these remedies of far greater importance to the world than the moons of Mars.

SUITMAN, ILL., June 13, 1876.

Dr. R. V. PIERCE, Buffalo, N. Y.:
Dear Sir—Last fall our daughter—aged 18—was fast sinking with consumption. Different physicians had pronounced her case incurable. I obtained one-half dozen bottles of your Golden Medical Discovery. She commenced improving at once, and is now as hardy as a pine-knot.

Yours respectfully,

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